THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) The President visited The Netherlands, Finland, Cyprus and Czechoslovakia in September 1988 and Bhutan in October, 1988.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश के "गंगोली हाट" कस्बे में "पाताल भुवनेश्वर गुफा" को पर्यटन नक्शे पर लाया जाना

591. **श्री सोहन लाल धूसिया:** क्या *नागर विमानन और पर्यटन* मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश के पिथौरागढ़ जिले के गंगोली हाट कस्बे के निकट अपूर्व और अद्वितीय छटा वाली पाताल भुवनेश्वर गुफा को पर्यटन विभाग के पर्यटन नक्शे पर ले आया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने पर्यटकों की सुविधा के लिए उपरोक्त भुवनेश्वर गांव को पक्की सड़क से जोड़ने के लिए, जोकि गांव से 9 किलोमीटर दूर है, अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज पाटिल): (क) और (ख) राज्य सरकार से विशिष्ट प्रस्ताव प्राप्त होने पर केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग कुछ चुने हुए स्थानों को पर्यटक केन्द्रों के रूप में विकसित करने का कार्य करता है। उत्तर प्रदेश में गंगोली हाट टाउन की पाताल भुवनेश्वर गुफा की आधार संरचना के विकास का कोई प्रस्ताव राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Compensation to the victims of Railway accidents

592. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 96 given in Rajya Sabha on 2nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the amount of money paid as compensation to the heirs of the killed and the injured; and

(b) to what extent negligence on the part of the railway staff was responsible for these accidents and to what extent the sabotage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(b) Two of the major train accidents during the period April-September '88, involving casualities were at unmanned level crossings for which the road users were responsible. The remaining two accidents which were inquired into by the Commissioners of Railway Safety, were due to failure of railway staff.

Statement

The amount of compensation paid by the Railways for major accidents which occurred on Indian Railways during the period April—September, 1988 as per details below:—

Accidents	Compensation paid
1	2
1. Collision between 323 Down Siddheswar Express and 101 Down Minar Express near Byculla station of Central Railway on 4-7-88	No compensation has been paid so far as the amount of compensation will be decided by the *ex officio* Claims Commissioner, Civil Judge, Thane on the merits of the applications received by him.